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SUBJ: AFM DENOUNCES POLITICAL VIOLENCE

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1. NOTE ISSUED FEB 28 BY COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (AFM) DENOUNCED RECENT SPATE OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE.

2. AFM NOTE SOUGHT TO SPREAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR VIOLENCE. NOTE CRITICIZED EQUALLY HARASSMENT DIRECTED AGAINST RALLIES OF POPULAR DEMOCRATS (PPD), AS WELL AS HARASSMENT OF COMMUNIST PARTY MEETINGS. (SOCIALIST PARTY WAS NOT MENTIONED BY NAME IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTE, NOR WAS PDC.)

3. AFM NOTE STATED THAT HARASSMENT OF POLITICAL MEETINGS SERVES "REACTIONARY OBJECTIVES" AND WAS THE WORK OF "PROFESSIONAL AGITATORS WHO INTEND TO SET POLITICAL FORCES AGAINST EACH OTHER." GOAL OF SUCH AGITATORS IS TO INSTILL A "CLIMATE OF VIOLENCE" DURING ELECTION CAMPAIGN. NOTE ALSO ACCUSED PERPETRATORS OF VIOLENCE OF SEEKING TO INFLUENCE MILITARY FORCES PRESENT AT PARTY RALLIES.

4. NOTE CONCLUDED BY ALERTING POLITICAL FORCES NOT TO PERMIT THEMSELVES TO BE DRAGGED INTO ESCALATING VIOLENCE. PEOPLE WERE ADVISED TO DISPLAY CALM AND TO DEMOLISH THIS "REACTIONARY MANEUVER."

5. COMMENT: COORDINATING COMMITTEE, NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, SEEKS TO BELL THE WRONG CAT -- BY ITS FINGER POINTING AT "REACTION-ARIES." NONETHELESS, MENTION OF PCP BY NAME IN THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE IS STRIKING DEPARTURE FROM THE COSY RELATIONSHIP HERETOFORE EXISTING BETWEEN LEFT-DOMINATED COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND PCP.

6. GOP HAS BEEN STUNG BY DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN CRITICISM OF ELECTION HARASSMENT. AFM NOTE SUGGESTS AGITATORS WILL NOT HAVE VIRTUALLY FREE HAND THEY HAVE HAD RECENTLY. NEVERTHELESS, GOP CAPABILITY TO CONTROL AGITATORS IS LIMITED BY LACK OF TRAINED SECURITY FORCES AND POOR DISCIPLINE.
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